

SEQUESTRATION TIMELINE

- 10-Aug-11* House Armed Services Committee (HASC) Chairman Buck McKeon, House Budget Committee (HBC) Chairman Paul Ryan and House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense Chairman Bill Young send a letter to Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Jack Lew asking for further information about the national security consequences if the “doomsday mechanism” is triggered and sequestration takes place.
- 26-Oct-11* HASC [hearing](#) on the “Economic Consequences of Defense Sequestration.”
- 02-Nov-11* HASC [hearing](#) on “The Future of the Military Services and Consequences of Defense Sequestration.”
- 13-Jan-12* Veteran’s Affairs (VA) Chairman Jeff Miller sends a letter to the President asking for clarity on the implementation of the sequester and to resolve the legal ambiguity of the sequestration’s effects on VA.
- 15-Feb-12* HBC [hearing](#) with Acting OMB Director Zients on “The President's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget.” OMB does not provide full information on how the sequester will be implemented.
- 29-Mar-12* House passes H. Con. Res. 112, the Republican budget resolution, that includes reconciliation directives to replace the first year of the sequester with other savings. The resolution was agreed to by a [vote](#) of 228-191.
- 16-Apr-12* HBC Chairman Ryan sends a letter to Acting Director Zients requesting OMB to provide a witness to an April 25th hearing on the sequester. This followed several staff level requests the prior two weeks.
- 25-Apr-12* VA Chairman Jeff Miller sends a letter to OMB asking specific ways the sequester will effect VA and OCO and requests a listing of all exempt budget accounts.
- 25-Apr-12* HBC holds a [hearing](#) on “Replacing the Sequester.” Daniel Werfel (OMB) was asked about the administration’s detailed plans for implementing the sequester. Werfel testified that OMB would provide the information to Congress on the details of sequestration “at the appropriate time.”
- 26-Apr-12* HBC members send a letter (QFR) to Acting Director Zients asking how the administration would execute the sequester in the event current law is not amended.
- 10-May-12* House passes H.R. 5652, the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012, by a [vote](#) of 218-199 that fully offsets the sequester and produces an additional \$237 billion in deficit reduction over 10 years
- 18-May-12* The House adopted an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) offered by Rep. Scott Rigell by a [vote](#) of 220-201. The amendment was designed to eliminate the FY 2013 discretionary sequester and the FY 2013 sequester of defense mandatory programs provided legislation is enacted that reduces the deficit over five years by at least the

same amount as the sequester. It also requires a detailed report on the impact of the sequestration of Department of Defense (DoD) funds.

- 25-May-12* Zients responds to questions submitted to OMB by the HBC but fails to provide a list of each budget account and whether they're exempt stating OMB "does not maintain such a list." He also failed to address when OMB will provide guidance to the agencies regarding the application of the sequester, repeating it will happen "at the appropriate time."
- 31-May-12* Rep. Hensarling [introduces](#) H.R. 5872, the "Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012" (STA).
- 08-Jun-12* Representatives McKeon, Ros-Lehtinen and Rogers send a [letter](#) to the President asking that the sequester not apply to OCO funding and state they want to discuss the sequester and possible solutions with the President.
- 15-Jun-12* OMB responds to Veterans Affairs Chairman Miller's letter stating that all VA programs, including veteran's medical care, are exempt. The letter states the administration won't address administrative expenses and whether they are exempt.
- 27-Jun-12* HBC votes to [report](#) the STA by a roll call vote 30-0.
- 13-Jul-12* The Republican Congressional Leadership sends a [letter](#) to the President urging the administration to work with Congress to come to a bipartisan solution to avoid sequester.
- 18-Jul-12* HASC [hearing](#) on "Sequestration Implementation Options and the Effects on National Defense: Industry Perspectives."
- 18-Jul-12* House passes STA by a roll call [vote](#) 414-2.
- 25-Jul-12* Senate passes STA by a unanimous vote.
- 01-Aug-12* HASC [hearing](#) on "Sequestration Implementation Options and the Effects on National Defense: Administration Perspectives."
- 07-Aug-12* President signs the STA into law ([Public Law No: 112-155](#)).
- 10-Sept-12* Rep. Allen West [introduces](#) H.R. 6365, the "National Security and Job Protection Act" (NSJPA).
- 13-Sept-12* House passes NSJPA by a roll call [vote](#) 223-196.
- 06-Sep-12* President fails to submit STA report, as required by law, within 30 days of enactment.
- 14-Sept-12* A week after the deadline, OMB submits a [report](#) to Congress ([summary](#)), required by the STA, at 2:30 PM on a Friday.

[Time Remaining Before the Sequester Takes Effect](#)